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LOTTIE WALKER
First Floor

We have been kinda' lomesome because all our girls have gone except six. The rest of us finally deserted the hall and spent the week-end away.

Miss Adams visited her sisters, four stayed in Statesville and attended the Young Peoples Conference in Salisbury. We all enjoyed our visits(especially the late hours sleep). The Conference was fine. Wish everyone could have gone.

We are sorry to have to give up two of our sweetest girls, Hazel and Margaret. Hope they will miss us as bad as we will miss them and hope they will come back to see us.

We are expecting some of our "buddies" back pretty soon and guess we'll have a time petting them to keep them from weeping.

Hope every body is as enthused of going to Montreat as we are.

Since there is not many girls, there isn't much news. Hope we'll have more next time.

——P. O. H.——

SYNOD COTTAGE

Our family is rather small since so many boys are going away on their vacation. Some have already returned and from the way they are crying they are glad to get back. One day Edward Flowers said, "It seems to rain every day," and Clarence Link said, "No wonder they keep hanging up snakes."

Miss Steele brought us a dog and its name is "Roberta" She gets lots of attention.

One day Larry and John Cole had a quarrel and Miss Turner was having them to make up with each other. She told them to hug each other and that the Bible said, Love one another. Larry said, "Yes, but it doesn't say hug one another."

Miss Andrews is away on her vacation. We hope she has a good time and comes back soon.

We were glad to have a visit from Miss Steele's friend from New York.

Miss Pearl Shackilford is going to Honolulu in August. We wish her good luck on her trip.

We are looking forward to our trip to Montreat.

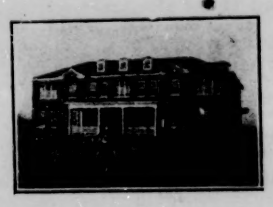
——P. O. H.——

MR. CAN'T AND MR. CAN.

Oh, Mr Can't and Mr. Can
Is a very different sort of man!
For Mr. Can he always tries,
For Mr. Can't he always cries.
Now Mr Can gets many a blow,
But he gets the best in the end, you know.
While Mr. Can't gets nothing at all,
For he's down too low to suffer a fall
Oh, Mr. Can gets up with a grin!
And says: "I'm bound in the end to win."
But Mr. Can't is a pitiful sight,
For he's whipped before he's begun to fight;
And he says that it puzzles him quite a lot
Why some can do it and some cannot.
Oh poor Mr. Can't! For he never knew.
The secret I'm going to whisper to you.
That you surely can if you only try.
And you certainly can't if you only cry.
And that is the reason why Mr. Can
From Mr. Can't is a different man.

—St. Nicholas.

JENNY GILMER COTTAGE



(By Dennis Boyette)

Nearly half of the boys and girls are away on their vacations. In fact over half of them are away. Quite a few of them are returning so that they will be able to go on the Montreat Excursion.

The Excursion comes off next Thursday (Aug. 4th). A big time is expected by all and if the trip is anyways like the former ones I don't think that many will be disappointed.

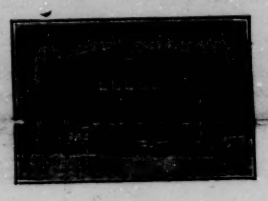
The Printing Office was closed up last week because Mr. Edwards got too lonely down here by himself. During the shut-down in the work he took a nice vacation down in the Eastern part of the Tar Heel State, as did the writer also. This is one of the reasons that the Messenger is late this month.

There are so many newcomers over in this cottage now that we can't even keep track of them. They have been duly initiated and are regular members of the Jennie Gilmer Clan or Klan, which ever you think of first.

Well, here's hoping that next Thursday will bring fair weather and a successful trip to Montreat.

——P. O. H.——

LEES' COTTAGE



There aren't many boys down here right now so we can't write much news.

We hated to see four of our boys go to Jennie Gilmer. The following boys went: Herman Clark, Charlie Sears, William Murrell, and Harold Reavis.

We are also glad to have these boys take their place: Jack Weatherly, Archie Greesen, Bill Greesen, and Charles Greesen.

About all of the boys have already been on their vacation and have come back.

About all you can hear around here itta boy! We won't have much longer to wait before we get to go to Montreat.

We will write more news next time.

——P.O.H.——

NON-LIKING OF LITERATURE

(By Nell Coxwell)

"How can I get my pupils to the place where they'll realize the necessity of literature?" asked a teacher in the high school department.

"I do not know how to advise you for mine are in the same plight," replied another of her sister teachers. "They just will not hear me when I began to tell them of the importance of reading good literature. They argue that they cannot get anything from the dry books required of them to read. I try to tell them that it's for their own benefit that they read the books, but no, they want to read Zane Grey's novels—or Raines' or Curwood's something to hold their interest every minute. They have read so many of this kind that nothing else will hold their attention.

It really is hard for boys and girls to make themselves read books not in the least interesting to them, but just the same they will come to the conclusion, later on, that it was for their own good that we had them read and report on books of literary value."

"Well," the first teacher replied, "I think I shall invent a method of my own to make them stop grumbling when I have them read certain parallel books. When I even speak the word literature, there is an up-rising in the room, and I can hardly hear my own voice for several minutes. When I get them quiet they all loll back in their seats and pay attention to me when I'm trying to read or explain something. I am going to try to study out some way in which I can get their interest.

The Assembly Minutes

On the editorial page of this paper is an editorial under the heading "North Carolina." It is optimistic, as it must be from looking at the material prosperity of the grand old State.

That editorial was written two weeks ago, and before we had received a copy of the Assembly's Minutes for 1927.

This article is written by the same pen as the other, but it is not optimistic, and the information contained in the Assembly's Minutes is the cause of the difference.

This information looks to us alarming, and what is still more alarming is the apparent lack of concern over the conditions thus disclosed.

Maybe we are speaking out of turn now, and instead of airing our views maybe we should help keep the matter hushed up. Or, maybe, it shouldn't be seriously considered during vacation time, when everybody is supposed to be resting their tired brains from the strain of a serious thought. But the conclusions that we are forced to draw from the published statistics of our churches' activities are so startling that it is necessary to face some hard facts or run the serious risk of a more disastrous awakening later on.

We take it that as a general proposition the Presbyterian Church in the United States is supposed to be a going concern, and that it's largest Synod located in the most forward section of the whole assembly in particular is a going concern. A going concern is by its name and the everyday use of the term, also a growing concern.

From our knowledge of our churches' enterprises and institutions, they are founded and operated on the belief that our church is both a going and a growing concern. If our efforts to minister to the material needs of the unfortunate or the spiritual needs of the unsaved are blessed at all, it means the opening up of ever increasing opportunities and responsibility. If the church is not growing this increasing responsibility cannot be met, and our battlecry, "The World for Christ in this Generation" should be changed to something like "May We Hold Our Own for this Generation."

There are explanations that soothe for a time, but do not satisfy, and when repeated too often fails to even soothe. We have been told that the shrinking membership of our church is due to the purging of the church rolls of hundreds of names of one time members that have disappeared or ceased to make any pretense of being church members. But can that explain the shrinkage in members joining the church by profession?

The figures show that In the assembly the number of communicants has shrunk during the last church year 42,556 and the North Carolina Synod has shrunk 2,689, and the year before North Carolina was at a standstill.

Now a slump in membership and giving may be expected during and following some great calamity, and possibly the assembly could next year show the bad results of the Mississippi flood, but North Carolina has had no flood.

North Carolina is so prosperous in material things that nearly every Presbyterian family can and probably does go to church in an automobile. Maybe we expressed that wrong. They have the car and maybe had the thought of driving to church in mind when they bought it, but now maybe it runs so good on our good roads that it just won't stop at the church door, but just rolls on and on, until it reaches the delectable mountains or equally delectable seashore. No there is no material calamity to account for the decline.

Well, maybe the churches' machinery in material and personel is run down and needs pepping up.

No, that can't be for in the assembly there is reported about three millions actually paid in during the year on new church buildings, over a half million being in North Carolina. And among the few things that show an increase in our church reports is the number of preachers, elders and deacons. No, the army seems well equipped and officered, but the ranks and recruits are both shrinking.

And then the benevolences are shrinking, showing that all that we are losing is not "dead timber."

What is the matter, friends? Can it be that we have been spending so much time and brain arguing about our beliefs that we haven't had time to offer the simple gospel, to our bewildered neighbors? Can it be that we have just tired of the whole business and are deliberately quitting? Or is it that we have just been so busy with our business and our ever more necessary pleasures that we haven't thought what all this means?

Let's see how it looks to our foreign mission folks. Instead of rejoicing over each new volunteer, and each new field opening up and spending themselves in the glorious labor of expanding the work of spreading the Gospel, they must carefully analyze the situation to see what stations to close this year, and which to mark for closing next year, until in the future, we can see all work finally abandoned or turned over to hands not more willing but better supported.

Our Home Mission people instead of entering into the work of re-establishing our churches in the devastated Mississippi Valley, should abandon it to other denominations and look elsewhere for places to eventually withdraw.

Our educational departments possibly would not feel the change so much except in making an entire change of front, because the shrinking church will not need so many ministers or educated workers.

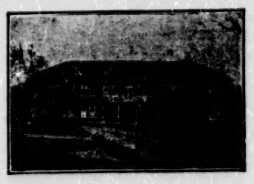
The Orphan Homes need to about face, and instead of trying to keep up with the times in child welfare, and taking its share of the burden of caring for helpless childhood, must plan how to most gracefully relinquish the use of building after building until the load is finally shifted to other shoulders.

We wonder who wants the handling of any of these shrinking jobs?

Presbyterians are, as a rule, proud folk. The churches we worship in as a rule, bear out this idea still. Just to look at them and no further we might use the words of King David. "I will not worship my God with that which costs me nothing," and we might swell with pride over just what that is costing us, but Brethren, before we carry that pride too far—Read your Assembly Minutes.

——P.O.H.——

INFIRMARY



Well here we are once more with nothing to say only we have two patients. We do hope it will not last long.

We were sorry to see Lillie Jackins leave us for we will miss her big mouth. Lillie we hope you good luck and that you will have a better time than you had here.

Lydia Donaldson has gone on her vacation. We hope she does not stay for we could not do without her.

"Vacation" is all you can hear. We will be glad when Ruth Freeman leaves so she will be satisfied. We will also miss her in more than one way. First her singing, her big mouth and her doing the Charleston. I know she can't sing at home for she has already strained her voice now.

The Infirmary girls didn't have anything to amuse themselves with so Mr. Grier put us up a swing. We sure do thank you Mr. Grier and hope someone else will think of us.

Well as dinner has to be fixed we will sign off.

—The Infirmary Girls

——P. O. H.——

PLEADING

She—"I'm afraid I can't marry you."
He—"Oh, just this once."

If We Had A Two-Color Press, This Is One Time We Would Use Red Ink

LOOK AT THOSE FIRST TWO COLUMNS

PRESBYTERY	1926 MEMBERSHIP	1927 MEMBERSHIP	JULY RECEIPTS	Amt. Per Member	Amount Behind Per Mem.	Standing last Year
Mecklenburg	15584	15047	$1465.56	9¾c.	16¾c.	36 c.
Winston-Salem	3047	3225	238.65	7½c.	24¾c.	43¼c.
Kings Mountain	4840	4814	225.46	4¾c.	25¾c.	39¼c.
Concord	10528	10169	486.67	4¾c.	29¾c.	32¾c.
Albemarle	4242	3609	239.25	6¾c.	32 c.	33¾c.
Granville	5164	4840	225.79	4¾c.	38¼c.	33 c.
Wilmington	7841	7646	188.13	2½c.	39¼c.	37¾c.
Orange	10115	9950	225.40	2¼c.	41¾c.	38¾c.
Fayetteville	12253	11635	641.03	5½c.	42 c.	41¼c.
SYNOD	73624	70935	$3935.94	5.5c.	31.7c.	36.8c.

†EXPLANATION: The revenue from the Churches needed for the orphanage for the year amounts to $107.000—an average of $1.50 per church member, or 12½ cents per month. This table shows each month the contributions by Presbyteries and how far behind or ahead they are on this schedule. The last column shows for comparison the standing a year ago. This does not mean that only $1.50 is expected from any member, but is used in reporting on large groups like a Presbytery.

THE August Table is before you, it contains other things this time than just the receipts. Usually we receive the Assembly Minutes in July, so we correct the membership column by the new minutes. This year, the changes were so unusual that we are publishing the figures for 1926 as well as 1927.

You will note that in every Presbytery but one there is shown quite a shrinkage in membership.

It's effect on this table and of course, on the Orphanage work is just this.

Estimating the benevolent revenue on the same basis as heretofore i. e. an average of $1.50 per member means a reduction of $4,034.00 in what may be expected this year.

In holding the capacity of the Home to one child for each 200 church members, it means reducing the size of our family to 355 children. We had 377 on the roll at the end of school.

That sounds simple enough doesn't it? But it isn't simple or easy at all. We wish the whole church could just go over our waiting list and our present enrollment, and after looking at all the facts in connection with each one, tell us which not to accept, and which to send out, in order to make this reduction.

We know what they would say, when the study of the situation would be over. They would say, "Just keep them all and manage to take care of these few more any way, and we will come to your rescue." We know they would say that, for individuals have done just that many a time recently. But does the church at large really want to come to our rescue?

More has been said this spring and summer about our needs, than in any year that we know about, and it has resulted in serious efforts being made in about four localities.

The table shows a marked improvement in four Presbyteries over last year and a decline in four, with one Presbytery balancing on the fence.

The figures sound harsh, we are trying not to make our words so. You are responsible for what the figures show. We know this great institution has your good will. Please cash some of that good will and send to us quick.

——P.O.P.——

FACE THE SUN

Don't hunt for trouble, but look for success.
You'll find what you look for—don't look for distress!
If you see but your shadow, remember I pray,
That the sun is still shining, but you are in the way!
Don't grumble, don't blunder, don't dream and don't shirk.
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work.
The worries will vanish, the work will be done.
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun.

—Ex.

——P.O.H.——

Many a home-town boy who boasts of his city position fails to describe it accurately. The janitor of the First National Bank for instance, did not explain that his draft work consisted in opening and closing the windows.

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YOUR'S FOR APPROVAL

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come bac kto you.

Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

For life is a mirror of king and slave.
'Tis just what you are and do;
Then give the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

— R. L. J.

NORTH CAROLINA

It has fallen to the writer as part of his duties to travel over that part of North Carolina embraced by our Synod, and the more we see of the old North State the more we wonder how anybody could ever be content to live anywhere else.

Maybe the reason is because the ones who live outside believe some of the things we North Carolinians say about it. They may take our alilibies seriously. You know how we talk, "Yes, cotton looks pretty good, but corn is a failure," or "Yes tobacco is looking fine but not much prospect for price." We feel that we ought to find for every good fortune an equal and opposite alibi.

This year it looks as if we are going to be terribly hard hit in our alibi crop. Commencing way back in the spring when the price of fertilizer was coming down every day, the strawberry crop commenced to promise great things and since North Carolina claims the centre of this industry, it certainly looked like good times for the strawberry country. Next came the cucumber harvest, to say nothing of such everyday things as oats, wheat, and barley and there seemed enough big bumppy cucumbers being shipped from that "centre" to satisfy 57 Heinze's.

And then cantaloupes, and peaches, and if you can spare time from shipping or eating these delightful products take a look at the cotton, and the corn, and tobacco, and potatoes, and then try to get enough alibies to butt against all that. It's hopeless.

Now how about price. Well, cotton promises fair. The Mississippi flood helps us there. Corn—well the corn borer somewhere else, is holding up the corn price. Tobacco—it takes more every year to satisfy our appetites for the weed so that we are assured of a good price even if the size of the crop is unprecedented.

Why even the cotton mills are making money—and running regular. Good sales and the power dams all full and they don't have to curtail.

We will, no doubt, have to start some sort of a home for *North Carolina Pessimists* if this keeps up.

Honest now, are we not all getting pretty? Doesn't it really strain you Sunday morning to think up a good excuse for not responding liberally to the Lord's work.

Think over it—the world may be fed up on Pollyannas, but how about the reserve English Pollyannas, that sit up nights to see the dark side of a bright situation?

North Carolina's 1927 alibi crop is all wet, and a failure. Her prosperity is written in letters so large that a wayfaring man, even though an Orphanage Head, may read.

———P.O.H.———

LOTTIE WALKER
Second Floor

The Lottie Walker Cottage is so nearly deserted we haven't much to write about this time.

The first floor closed with its matron and all of the girls on vacation. While our second floor has only eighteen girls.

Elsie Westall and Elizabeth Ayers have returned after having enjoyed a two weeks vacation with home folks.

Grace Henry is spending a few days with her clothing people.

Abie Roper is visiting her aunt and sister in Morganton, and Katherine Kerly is visiting her mother in Hilderbran. RachelDowless was surprised by her mother on the 4th who came from Asheville with some friends. It did not take Rachel many minutes to get ready to return with them. Guess she sleeps under blankets these cold nights, but we can do that right here at Barium.

Beatrice Edwards is having a good time in Durham with her mother and sister.

On the night of the 4th we were fortnunate enough to be allowed to go in to Statesville to see the Klu Klux parade. Morris Lee drove the truck and Miss Andrews and Miss Hill chaperoned us.

Mr. and Mrs. McCully invited us to go up stairs and we had a fine view from the front windows over J C. Penny's store. We certainly did enjoy it and appreciate their kindness.

Fine rains the past few days make every thing look preetty on the campus. Yet it means that the grass needs frequent cutting; the sheep help with that.

———P.O.H.———

Daughter: "I hate George, and I'm sending his ring back to him." What shoulld I put on the box?"

Mother: "Glass handle with care."

NEWCOMERS

We have been so busy talking about the graduates and the others that are going out that we have neglected to comment on the Newcomers that have been blowing in lately. They are as follows:

Rhoda Daniels, a regular three-year-old Brunhilde. A beautiful little girl, with dimples you could hide cherries in. She came to us April 21st. Then on May 20th three Elliotts: James, John, and William rolled in from Marion. They spent their regular quarantine time at the Infirmary and then went to Alexander Cottage. They liked the Infirmary so well, however, that they returned to it to have a nice red case of measles apiece.

On May 24th, from Morganton, little white-headed, nine-year-old Eva Benfield came to us. She thought there was a mighty big crowd of folks at first. She is used to us now.

On June 8th Retha Mae Peele, one of our old girls came back to us from Rocky Mount. Retha Mae is helping look after the babies and certainly seems to know how to handle her job.

On June 10th a great big red-headed Riddle came to us from Belmont. His name is Fred, and he has been right at home ever since he came.

On June 24th, fro mnear Hamlet, came two little blue-eyed girls, Mary Duffy Coppedge, aged six, and Evelyn Coppedge, aged two days less than two years. She is the Home's baby, being thirteen days younger than Dixon Parrish, our baby until her arrival.

Next to come were three Greensboro boys, Archie Greeson, twelve, William Greeson, eleven, and Charles Greeson, aged seven. They filled up Lees again.

On July 3tlh, John Weatherly, a twelve-year-old from the centre of a big orchard near Southern Pines, came up to see the way the mountains looked from this distance.

On July 14th, Fred Boyd, seven years, Nat Boyd, five years, and Margaret Boyd, aged three, came in from Mt. Ulla. And the same day Pleasant Norman, from Yadkinville.

Seventeen so far this summer, and every Presbytery but two represented, and the three children taken in in March were from one of these. Counting them in, the number from the Presbyteries were as follows:

One from Albemarle.
Seven from Concord.
One from Fayetteville.
One from Kings Mountain.
Three from Mecklenburg.
Three from Orange.
Three from Wilmington.
One from Winston-Salem.

We are glad to welcome these young people into our family. We love them already and want them to feel that they are a part of our big family.

———P.O.H.———

"Do you travel much in that old fliver of yours?"

"From coast to coast."

"Have you really gone from Main to California in that boat?"

"Oh, no. I mean I coast down one hill, tow it up to another, and then coast again."

"Sir I would like to marry your daughter."

"What's your occupation?"

"Radio announcer."

"Take her. You're the first man who ever said good-night and meant it."

CAMPUS NEWS

With all the coming and going that has been taking place since commencement nothing looms up so important as the outing to Montreat August 4th via the "choo-choo" route of the Southern.

And then the improvised tram-way of the Alexanderites will have a few moments of let-up. Also the Bouvies will have an opportunity to make up with cosmetics. "Their nose knows."

The orphanage nowadays is reminiscent of the army cantonments during the world war. Folks leaving every day, and even with so many away, the usual prorata crowd is to be seen. And nobody lives in caves round here.

Watermelon time is just around the corner, and then we will have with us again—school. Last year the truck farm ushered in fruit and some ovation was sent up by all. Since the peach crop is short, and there has been an abundance of rain, we're hoping to have "oodles" and then some of watermelons.

"Henry," and his fold are enjoying the green nowadays. Of course Henry is not a golf expert but is generally aware of what the campus affords.

On Sunday, August 10th Lottie Walker first floor was blankety-blank for the first time since its occupancy. Rather singular co-incidence, but all the folks were on vacation.

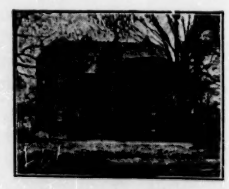
The Barium Messenger now has a circulation of 15,750 with this current issue. And these are representatives of the orphanage work going among members of the Synod of North Carolina.

The campus now boasts of a round house, or rather, work-shop for the master mechanic. He use to have a wrench boy who run down tools from various scorces, but now they are all bottled up next door to Alexander Cottage.

George "Pap" Spencer, a local dispensor
Of kitchen duties and chores;
Picks black berries for a side-line
And spends the diff "girl-ore."
Chalking up with candy and chewing gum
He thinks he's a benefactor in disguise;
But ere the sheckles are bemoaned
George goes back to the briars.

———P.O.H.———

ANNIE LOUISE COTTAGE



Gee! how the day are pasing by. It doesn't seem but a week since commencement.

Some of our girls are on their vacations. Two of them came back this week, and we are expecting one today.

We are all having a good time going in swimming.

We surely enjoyed the peaches which we got from the Sand Hills.

Everybody is enjoying the good ice-cream which we have been getting.

We all thank the nice gentlman who came up here the fourth and took us all to the store and bought us some candy. We all enjoyed and appreciated it very much.

Everybody is still having a good time playing jack-rocks.

The fourth of August is drawing near. It is a day we all enjoy going to Montreat.

Thelma Godwin had a visit from her clothing people the other day.

We have two new girls. Their names are Eva Mae Benfield and Mary Duffy Coppedge. We all hope that they will like their new home as we are so glad to welcome them into our family.

———P.O.H.———

Dumb: "Do you know that seventeen thousand two hundren and eighty two elephants were used to make billiards balls last year?"

Dumber: "My, oh. my, Isn't it wonderful that such big beasts can be taught such exacting work?"

The circus acrobat found the clown in tears. "What in the world are you crying about?" he asked.

"The elephant d-d-died," sobbed the clown.

"What of it? You didn't own him."

"Na-no, b-but the b-boss says I've g-got to d-dig his grave."

Mother (after answering countless questions): "Curiosity killed a cat once, Winnie."

Winnie: "But did the cat want to know, mummy?"

RUMPLE HALL

Here we are once more. We are all happy as larks as we are having vacations. Thirteen are away now and two or three expecting to go every week until school starts. We are hoping they will have a good time.

We can jump into our bathing suits now every day and go in the swimming pool, we can get into them lots quicker than we get into our clothes every morning when the old bell calls us to put on meals.

One morning Ruth Shannon came up stairs saying she knew where a birds nest was. Some of the girls went running for her to show it to them and discovered she had only heard the bird singing, we sure did tease her.

We sure are enjoying the peaches now.

Mr. Grier gave us a rope the other day and we are spending most of our play time with it.

We enjoyed having the Sunday School Class from Taylorsville. They jumped the rope and played in the swings with us. We hope we can have them again sometime.

Well we will have to stop for this time as we have run out of news.

—Ruth Shannon & Marion McCall

——P. O. H.——

HOWARD COTTAGE

Most of the girls are on their vacation and we know they are having a good time.

We are going in swimming now most every day and we sure do enjoy it. We are always glad when Miss Woods tells us it is time to go in swimming because that is the only thing we have to do for fun.

Gladys and Hazel Cartett's father and sister are visiting them today. We know they enjoy having them here, and we hope they will come again soon.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Miss McGoogan's brother and also Miss Foust's brother-in-law.

We have so much rain now that our flowers are blooming pretty.

Miss Anne Fayssoux Johnston was our matron while Miss Woods was gone but Miss Woods has returned now and we are glad to have her back. We all liked Miss Anne Fayssoux, too.

The ones that are going to have their birthday dinner in July are going to have their birthday dinner Wednesday and they are looking forward to fried chicken.

—Ruth Miller

———P.O.H.———

BABY COTTAGE

We are having a fine time playing as school is out and we have nothing else to do.

Some of the babies have gone on their vacation, Hugh Norman, Henry Pittman, Walter and Eloise Motte, and William Wadsworth. Hugh returned today.

We miss Rebecca Petrie and John Ervin Price who have left us to stay. We hope they will come to visit us some time.

We welcome to our family Evelyn Coppedge. She is our youngest baby now.

Many people have visited our cottage this month. Evelyn Coppedge, R. C. Miller, Rhoda and Miltan Daniels had a visit from their mother.

We have a new frigidaire now. We like it fine.

Today Catherine ask, "where is Henry Pittman?"

Ernestine said, "He has gone on his vacation."

Catherine said, "he has not gone home, but he is coming back."

The babies went to the movies last Thursday and enjoyed it very much. They were good and we are expecting to take them again soon.

ALEXANDER *and* DAIRY

Well, here we are again and not much news to write. Some of our boys are on their vacations and some have returned.

We said last month that Edward Siskron was the Shiek of Alexander but it was a mistake for Wixie Davidson is the Shiek.

The other night some of us boys jumped on Wixie and liked to tore him to pieces. Our cows are improving in their production of milk now and we sometimes get 130 to 135 gal. per day. We think that the cows should have a vacation too. We will be glad when August the 4th comes for we are going to Montreat. It is not long till school starts again and we hate that. We hope that none of our boys get sick this year. We all enjoyed the peaches that Erwin Jackins got down in the eastern part of the state. Edward Siskron said, "Buck, they taste like more".

Some of our boys have been working their vacation. Well, we hope we have more news next time.

"The Squirt Gang"

——P.O.P.——

EXCHANGES *and* Wheezes

Purity Punk, This One

"Where's your wife?"
"Gone to the West Indies."
"Jamaica?"
"No, it was her own idea."

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Old Ways Are Best

The old farmer had sent his children to school for the first time. Along came a book agent.

B. A.: Now that your children are in school, you ought to buy them an encyclopedia.

O. F.: Hanged if I do. Let 'em walk like I did.

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A Family Affair

Clerk: What sized tooth brush do you want?

Customer: The biggest one you have. There are ten in my family.

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Inherited Ideas

Teacher: How many seasons are there?

Ikey: Two.

Teacher: Why, Ikey! If there are only two seasons, please name them.

Ikey: Busy and dull.

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Bright Boy

Teacher: In what battle did General Wolfe say, when hearing of victory: "I die happy?"

Bright Youth: I think it was his last.

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Visitor: Did Doctor Dizzy operate on you?

Patient: Yes.

Visitor: That's too bad, that guy is awful absentminded. He operated on a friend of mine and sewed up his glove.

Patient: Holy smoke! He came in here this morning loking for his wife.

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McAndrew: "Hooray! the wind his changed."

Convalescent Wife: "Weel, mon, what of it?"

McAndrew: "Ye ken the doctor said ye needed a change of air."

Ray: "Why do the have most all radio broadcasting stations on top of tall buildings?"

Bray: "So nobody can throw bricks at the performers!"

———P.O.H.———

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

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A Friend	6.00
A Friend	20.00
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J. A. Gaither, Newton	30.00
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Prevention Rather Than Reform

R. L. JOHNSON, - - - - - Barium Springs, N. C.

TRAIN a child up in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

This expression, although uttered centuries ago, is no less true today than then. Solomon, the man who gave utterance to this psychological truth, understood the unfolding of the plastic mind of the child.

Every normal individual when born into the world possesses two qualities or forces, negative and positive. These qualities, although dorman at first, lie like some sleeping giant in the embryo of the child's very nature, until the spring-time of youth, when they put forth every energy to struggle for predominancy on life's field of battle.

Not only does the mind of the child possess these negative and positive energies, but the soul and body as well, have their corresponding qualities. The battle for supremacy is a battle between two gigantic forces. The negative qualities are developed in accordance with a definite and absolute law. Failure is the inevitable result of their development. The positive qualities are also developed in accordance with a law which is just as definite and just as absolute. The development of these qualities means success and a well-rounded life. A man fails or succeeds in life as the negative or positive qualities are in the ascendence. Solomon said 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The psychologist tells us that every idea which enters into the mind immediately tends to express itself in action. If pessimistic environments are thrown around a child, nothing in the world can keep him from being a pessimist. Had you ever stopped to think just how little appreciation the world has for a pessimist and how the hearts of men and women long for a gleam of optimism?

Each of these forces have in all ages, builded monuments to their marvelous powers. Te negative have for their harvest: the state prisons, county jails, saloons, gambling houses ballrooms, society card games, slums of the city, and ruined homes. As a result of the positive qualities, school houses are on every hill-top, churches in every vale, great institutions of learning throughout the country, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C . A. buildings in every town and city, and thousands of happy homes around whose firesides are cradled the nations of tomorrow.

Is it not true that God holds us responsible for the development of our powers and talents? The greatest factor in such development is the home. What is a home? Words are inadequate to express. No other expression has such a significance. The utterance of the word fills our hearts with memories, sweet and endless. If every home were a place of prayer and every father and mother a consecrated christian, living in the fear of God, states would close their prison doors, remove the gallows and electric chair, the wals of your county jails would crumble to dust, the guards on your public highways would be found in other pursuits, the saloons, gambling houses, and soft-drink stands would be found asiduously seeking more favorable location.

Mr. Roosevelt said, on one occasion, "The children of today, will be the nation of tomorrow." This being true, what a tremendous responsibility rests upo nthe home. If our nation is to stand the tests of the ages and perpetuate the memory of our "Pilgrim Fathers," if it is to be the land of the free and the home of the brave, if this is to be a christian land and a God-fearing people, then the principles of patriotism and christianity must be taught in the homes. You have no moral right to construct around a child, a wall of negative environments and then punish him for the commission of crime.

I was going down one of the streets of a certain city a few days ago, and saw a score of boys about the age of twelve engaged in a typical Indian battle. They were attired in Indian costumes, with feathery caps and painted faces. Some had bows and arrows, others had hatchets and pistols. I watched them as they made an assault on the fort. The white inmates were taken prisoners, and punishment of the most cruel nature was inflicted. There was one whose feathery cap seemed to be most prominent, and as the would-be Indians charged and yell at his command, I judged he was chief. Now and then his orders were affirmed and sealed by an oath. As I watched them, I asked myself this question, "From whence cometh these environments?" Then I thought of those accursed Indian stories of the far west, how they have creeped into our homes, not only stealing from the boys and girls golden moments of time, but have developed those negative qualities which mean absolute failure and destruction.

Not long ago a youth was arrested in Oklahoma City on the charge of Bank robbery, and on examination in police courts, stated that the reading of the life of the James boys impelled him to commit the crime. Another boy who was arrested in the city of New York, for house-breaking, stated in his cell, that he conceived the plan for such crimes in a moving picture show.

A drunkard was one day on his way from his home to a nearby saloon for an early morning drink. Just before entering the saloon, he heard a small voice behind him say, "Papa, I am 'tumin' too." On looking around he saw his four-year-old boy using all his physical strength to step just as far as his father. The father turned around and with all the manhood of his soul picked up his boy and pressed hi mclose to his breast and vowed by the help of Almighty God, and for the sake of his boy, he would be a man.

What our churches need most today is men and women with a broader conception of duty and responsibility. Men and women who are willing to take a firm stand for the right and then defend it at whatevere cost.

The positive qualities when developed, are just as affective. Washington, on one occasion, stated that to his mother was due all the glory and honor of his success. His was a christian mother, living constantly in prayer. Do you remember how President Garfield honored his mother on the day of his inauguration? The first kiss was hers, the first congratulation from her. He knew very well that 't was not alone, his military fame or the votes of the people, but his mother's care, self-sacrifice, blessings and prayers that made him President.

Abraham Lincoln is another living example of proper home training. Being reared under christian influence he developed a strong positive power, which exemplified itself in the White House. On one occasion an old friend of the Lincoln family, and his wife were in Washington and called to see the President. After meeting and exchanging the usual compliments, the old gentleman turned to his wife and said: "Mother, he's just the same old Abe." Why are there not more Washingtons, Garfields, and Lincolns? It s the lack of home training.

The negative forces develop in a natural sequence, but the positive must be stimulated. Next in importance to the home for such development is the Sunday School. It is useless to say that the teacher for these children should be a christian and above all should understand child nature. Many of these little ones come from homes where Christ is not known thereby augmenting the responsibility of the teacher. While this is true, her opportunities for doing good is correspondingly great.

The kindergarten is an important factor in preventive work. Here the spirit is humane, kindly, sympathetic, and loveable. This is the atmosphere in which the child grows socially, morally, spiritually and intellectually. In other words, the kindergarten is a social world for the child, where he develops his nature through experience. It aims to reach the thought of the child through his affections, and sympathies, and it excites these by appealing to his activities. It may be defined as an organized sequence of experience through which the child grows into self-knowledge, clear observation, and conscious grasp of the whole circle of his relationship. Dr. Snyder of Colorado, speaks of the influence of the kindergarten as follows: "Let such a mighty influence touch all the children of our country between the ages of four and six and there would be such a change in American life in our generation as to surprise the most sanguine."

The Government has expended thousands of dollars in building reformatories, and promoting various organizations along these lines. Instituted the JuvenileCour t which is world-wide in it's influence, but until environments are altered and the child carefully taught, it will prove a hopeless task.

The child should emerge from the kindergarten into the various auxiliary organizations of the church, and there, given some specific work. Here he is given a chance to put into practice that which he has learned in the home, Sunday School, and kindergarten. He is now in the self-conscious period. He begins to think and speak for himself. All the principles which have been impressed on his young nature, begin to re-assert themselves. Here the home training blossoms into fruitage. This is the beginning of the age in which there is a fierce battle between the negative and positive forces the decisiveness of which, determines the future welfare of the child.

Man is a triune being created in the image of God and declared the crown of creation. Then to approach the ideal, the three-fold nature of man, mind, spirit, and body, must be developed symmetrically. These natures, while separate in one sense, bear a direct relation to one another. Develop a man spiritually and you have a moral crank; develop him mentally, and you have a fool; develop him physically and you have a brute. In our efforts to develop the spiritual and mental, let us not forget the physical. A strong, healthy physique is essential in any line of endeavor, and without which the mental powers cannot perform their function properly.

The relation of the mind to the body is most involved and most interesting. The strongest body, uncontrolled by the mind, is an example of vast power gone wrong. A strong mind in a body marked by perverted, unnatural demands, and weaknesses is a far sadder example of misdirected power.

How often have we heard the indiscretions of apparently well-intentioned men ascribe to the fact that the "spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." It is an unwarrantable error to presume that in its very nature the flesh is weak, that its natural tendency is toward unwholesome and unwise appetite and desire. The truth is that strength of body makes for strength of spirit, that he who would be clean of mind first must be clean of body.

Look into dens of vice, into surroundings where carnal appetites and debased desires are satiated to the utmost. The miserable physical wrecks we find amid such surroundings surely are not impelled to their transgressions by the uncontrollable demands of the bodies. Consider their weak, miserable, repulsive, physical equipment and then you will find the source of their perverted impulse.

Every child is a wonderful parcel of possibilities. There are untold thousands of directions into which its mental and physical energies may be directed in later life. He may become the best, or the worst of men women, a hunted criminal or an honored servant of his fellow beings. No two individuals will pursue exactly the same path of life, have the same aspirations, the same ambitions, the same failings the same disappointments. But under normal conditions the one great aim and end is common to all: The development of those positive qualities of the triune being that will best serve him in this life and prepare him for the life to come.

The whole story of life is given by Longfellow in "The Builders."

All are architects of Fate,
Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our todays and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these;
Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art,
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part;
For the Gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where Gods may dwell
Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
Standing in these walls of Time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.

Build today, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and seccure
Shall tomorrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain
To those turrets, where the eye
Sees the world as one vast plain,
And one boundless reach of sky.

That which is true of the individual is also true of the nation. No longer is national strength measured by the array of martial forces and fading glory of military heroes, but by the moral and religious standing of its citizenship. In evidence of this is the march of intellect, national recognition of Universal Peace and rapid evangelization of the world.

One of Christianity's greatest services to citizenship and to liberty was a complete separation of spiritual and temporal power, the divorcement of church and state. Thus Christianity lifted the most stubborn barrier against the expression and the exercise of the citizenship. In the ancient dispensations the state itself had been defied and so completely associated with religion and government that citizenship as an active, creative function soon decayed. Christ permitted no political significance to be connected with His teaching. This does not mean, however, that His doctrines were without political influence. Indeed, Christ's exhortation and example transformed the political, the social, the intellectual and religious world. He wrought the most profound and universal revolution human affairs have ever known. He is the fundamental figure of all history. He transformed the human heart, emyielded, and despotism fell. Today the freest and most progressive nations are those whose people follow Him. Our own country owes its greatness to the ideas of individual equality, of liberty unto law, of brotherhood and love which His life elucidated. As long as American citizens keep within their hearts the image and the memory of His racked and mangled body the American nation will grow in prosperity, in happiness, and in righteous power.

The International Peace Commission composed of delegates from every civilized nation in the world is holding annual convocations and contributing materially to the cause of general arbitration and universal peace. It has remained for two of the lesser nations of the earth to give mankind the most beautiful example of prevention in the history of the world. In 1900 the adjoining republics of Chile and Argentina were on the brink of war. In the endeavor to calm the passions of the hour and to arrest the crimson tide Bishop Benavente of Argentina in a memorable appeal on Easter Sunday pointed the angry people to the examples of the Galilean and urged the erection of a statue of Christ on the frontier uniting the two countries. The appeal was not in vain. It was agreed to submit the dispute to arbitration and King Edward of England was requested to officiate as arbriter. Both countries accepted his decision without complaint. The effect of this peaceful solution of a question which would ordinarily have plunged the disputing nations into bloody conflict was magical. Both republics began to disarm, Chile converting her arsenals into schools, devoting the millions commonly expended for battleships to the construction of roads and bridges and other monuments of peaceful progress. In celebration of the happy event both countries joined in the erection of a colossal statue of Christ on the loftiest summit of the mutual boundary line which traverses the crest of the Andes. The statue was made of bronze and melted cannons. Inspiring thought! The engines of destruction were dismantled and moulded into the features of the King of Peace. With one hand supporting the cross, the other pointing Chile, Argentina and the world to the everlasting heavens as if pleading for the time when war and hate shall cease forever, stands the Christ of the Ades on the mountains that divide the lands where now the melodies of peace supplant the martial cry. On the pedestal is written this inscription: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble to dust than Argentines and Chilians break the peace which at the feet of Christ the Redeemer they have sworn to maintain." God hasten the breaking of the day when on the boundary of every nation of the globe a similar figure shall lift its warning finger to teach eternal love, unchanging brotherhood and everlasting peace.

———P. O. H.———

CAMPUS & FARM

We are writing our news again to let everybody know that the Campus and Farm is still going on in spite of the hard work.

We have lost Charlie Sears, the chief sheep tender; but we have a few more boys coming on to take the place of those that are leaving.

The farm has been greatly improved in many ways. The old shacks have been done away with and now we have new ones to take their place.

The horse barn has been painted and all of the old fences have been torn down and new ones have been put up. We have also made a new road.

We have a lot to do on the farm now, such as getting up the hay,hoeing corn and watermelons, tending to the sheep, getting the soil plowed up for next years crops, helping the sheep keep the grass cut down. The campus group did tend to the flowers on the campus by it self but since we are united we all jump in and do it in a hurry.

We have been plowing the feilds after reaping the wheat and barley but it is slow progress with the mules and one tractor.

Fred Troutman is our tractor chauffeur and he can handle that big baby like a cat does a mouse.

We have two boys from other groups working their vacations on the farm.

The boys on this group used to like for it to rain but the rain makes the grass in the corn grow pretty fast, and everytime we go to hoe corn we have a bunch of grass to cut out so the boys dont care whether it rains now or not.

There is one thing we forgot to mention and that is the thicket we are cutting down. It is pretty hard work but by the time we write our news next time we will have it done.

BY THE GANG

———P. O. H.———

Slam

"Are you still engaged to that homely Smith girl?"

"No, I'm not."

"Good for you, old man. How did you ever get out of it?"

"Married her."

The Laughing Quantity

"I envy that fat woman when she laughs."

"Why?"

"There seems so much of her hav- a good time."

He Did

A young lawyer, pleading first case, had been retained by a farmer to prosecute a railroad company for killing 24 hogs. He wanted to impress the jury with the magnitude of the injury.

"Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen. Twenty-four; twice the number there is in the jury box."

SUPPORT FUND

McPherson S. S.	24.86
Pittsboro Church	3.35
Boys and Girls Denial offering Gastonia D. V. B. S.	26.65
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Reidsville S. S.	8.60
Womans Bible Class, Dunn	7.62
Charlotte First, Womans Aux.	63.08
Clarkton S. S.	13.06
Front Street S. S.	5.95
Maxton Church	46.14
West End S. S.	4.45
Elmwood S. S.	1.50
St. Andrews Church	23.00
Statesville First Church	59.92
Thyatira Womans Aux.	1.00
Buffalo (L) Church	.07
Burlington Church	.15
East Blurlington	.12
Greensboro First Church Womans Aux.	22.50
Griers Church	1.27
Hawfields S. S.	9.50
Mebane Church	15.97
Mebane Womans Aux.	5.79
Piedmont Church	1.16
Red House Church	8.00
Sanford Church	19.92
Yanceyville Church	1.43
Westminster Womans Aux., Greensboro	12.06
Alamance Womans Aux. (C 4)	6.00
Rockingham S. S.	5.50
Kings Mountain Church	15.60
Concord (I) Church	12.00
Concord (I) Womans Aux.	.75
Shelby Church	18.25
Jonesboro S. S.	12.35
Sanford S. S.	19.58
Spies Church	3.00
Back Creek S. S.	7.90
Cooks Mem. S. S.	15.82
Charlotte First Church	500.00
Bethpage Womans Aux.	2.00
Lexington S. S.	12.23
Womans Aux. Greensboro	3.00
Concord (I) S .S.	17.20
New Hope S. S.	7.75
Steele Creek Church	72.00
Steele Creek Womans Aux.	8.00
Steele Creek Barium Springs Soc.	4.00
Shelby Church	15.77
Winston-Salem First	150.00
Unity S. S.	5.00
Bethel S. S.	3.60
Bayless Mem., Womans Aux.	5.00
Gastonia First Womans Aux.	40.00
Oxford Womans Aux.	4.00
High Point Womans Aux.	15.00
Armstrong Mem. I. C. E. S.	4.00
McPherson S. S.	7.85
Enfield S. S.	15.90
Maxton S. S.	54.05
McPherson Church	8.17
Blacknall Mem.	7.50
Kenly Church	.15
Littleton Womans Aux.	.38
Nut Brush Church	3.82
Oak Hill Church	4.88
Raleigh First Church	45.00
Vanguard First	4.20
Warrenton Church	10.50
Covenant Church	3.75
Dallas Church	2.24
Rutherfordton Church	6.00
Saluda Church	.30
Union Church	2.74
Raeford Womans Aux.	8.33
Lumbreton S. S.	27.81
Dandarreck S. S.	7.75
Albermarle Presbyterial	47.00
Trinity Ave. S. S. Durham	12.00
Rocky Mt. First Womans Aux.	19.00
Rocky Mt. Church	127.75
Roxboro Church	7.25
Jackson Springs S. S.	26.23
Montpelier W. Aux.	9.00
Back Creek Church	5.36
Back Creek Church	1.61
Bayless Mem. Church	1.61
Bethpage Church	5.21
Concord Second Church	2.48
Davidson Church	37.50
Elmwood Church	1.28
Fifth Creek Church	6.53
Front Street Church	4.50
Gilwood Church	4.34
Hickory Church	21.11
Mooresville First Church	7.67
Oakwood Church	1.25
Old Fort Church	1.46
Poplar Tent Church	.38
Prospect Church	.79
Salisbury First Church	38.22
Salisbury Second Church	2.79
Salisbury Second Church	3.12
Shiloh Church	1.13
Spencer Church	7.50
Tarbor Church	1.01
Third Creek Church	3.83
Thatira Church	.93
Thatira Church	6.27
Unity Church	5.62
Mooresville Second S. S.	9.34
Salisbury First Church	6.55
Marion S. S.	7.00
Third Creek S. S.	8.50
Elmira S. S.	3.00
Jacksonville S. S.	10.07
Business Woman's Soc., 2nd. Church, Charlotte	45.00
Cramerton S. S.	3.30
Westminster W. Aux., Charlotte	10.00
W. Aux., Durham First	13.00
W. Aux., Raleigh First	54.00
Jackson Springs S. S.	2.50
W. Aux., Caldwell Mem. (Charlotte)	10.00
Long Creek S. S.	3.61
W. Aux., Waughtown	4.00
Caldwell Mem. Church, Charlotte	87.10
W. Aux., Belmont	7.00
W. Aux., Relnolda	35.00
W. Aux., Winston First	20.00
W. Aux., Mocksville	6.00
Parmele S. S.	4.00
St. Andrews Church (J. C. Stewart)	25.00
Cooleemee S. S.	4.20
Candor S. S.	6.00
Mt. iAry S. S.	7.22
Durham First S. S.	14.23
W. Aux., Kings Mountain	14.00
Concord 1st. Church	100.00
Calypso S. S.	8.00
Salisbury First S. S. Brotherhood Class	25.00
Buffalo S. S. (G)	20.00
Thyatira S. S.	5.90
Salisbury First S. S. W's Bible Class	10.00
Hope Mills S. S.	16.38
W. Aux., Rocky Point	5.00
Morven S. S.	5.37
W. Aux., Back Creek	2.00
Huntersville S. S.	30.55
W. Aux., Galatia	.86
Waxhaw S. S.	15.00
Carthage S. S.	20.00
Carthage Int. C. E. S.	1.00
Carthage Junior C. E. S.	1.00
Brittain S. S.	3.50
Ashpole S. S.	6.78
W. Aux., Second Church, Charlotte	5.00
W. Aux., New Hope	14.00
Moment Bible Class, Raleigh First	13.50
McMillan S. S.	3.80
Charlotte Second Church, (regular)	220.00
Charlotte Second Church, (special)	170.55
Mt. Holly S. S.	8.74
W. Aux., Thyatira	1.10
Elise S. S.	.93
Fayetteville Presbytery (Not distributed)	304.87
Hopewell S. S.	9.00
W. Aux., Charlotte Second	150.00
Caldwell Mem. (Charlotte) by J. A. McMillan	20.00
W. Aux., Glenwood	4.00
W. Aux., Burlington	10.00
W. Aux., Groves	4.00
Sanford Church	18.89
Front St. S. S.	6.40
Dallas S. S.	27.26
Pittsboro Church	3.75
Vass S. S.	13.44
Little Joe's S. S.	3.08
Total	3,935.94

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CLOTHING MONEY

Laurinburg First S. S.	5.50
Westminster Aux. Greensboro	5.00
Alamance Church	5.00
Washington First S. S. Beginners Department	2.50
Jackson Springs Womans Aux.	15.00
Womans Aux. Church by Side of Road	20.00
W. Aux., Kings Mountain	7.50
W. Aux., Leaksville	18.00
Miss Edna B. Cathey, Oxford, Pa.,	20.00
Moment Bible Class, Raleigh First	15.00
Total	128.50

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MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

Relative	14.00
Relative	50.00
Mrs. J. M. Gardner, Carthage	5.00
W. H. Ross, Gastonia	6.50
T. C. Evans, Jr., Charlotte	1.00
Total	514.33

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MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Spencer, D. V. B. S., Presbyterian Church, scrap books and dolls for Baby Cottage.

Washington, C. H. Sterling, one barrel fish.

Elkin, through Rev. W. C. Copeland, 13 blankets for Baby Cottage.

Pine Hall, D. V. B. S., dresses, bags, aprons and dolls.

Varina, Presbyterian Church, one crate chickens.

Leaksville, El Bethel Church, dresses and dolls, D. V. B. S.

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EXCHANGES *and* Wheezes

A MAN MAY HAVE—

Much knowledge without having much wisdom.

Considerable talent without having trained it into ability.

A thousand acquaintances and not one real friend.

A room in his fathers house and actually live in a far country.

A great consciousness of power without being egotistical.

Much money and much misery

A perfect theology and very little religion.

Where Babes are Marksman

Keen-eyed mountaine led his overgrown son into a country school house. "This here boy's ater learnin" he announced.

"What's yer o' fare?"

"We teach arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry—"

"Na trigernometry," interupted the old man, "he's already the best shot in the mountings." —Penn. Farmer.

Reggie: "Mother, dear, if daddy died, would he go right to heaven?"

Mother: "Reggie, you say the silliest things. Don't bother mother."

1927 Grid Team

THESE are the ones we lose: Estridge, Fraley, Hunt Johnston, Brock and Beattie.

But these are the ones we will start to build a new team around, and before the next issue of the Messenger we will be getting ready—Jackins, Brown, Squires, McKay, Clark, Wilkes, Caudill, Lee and Donaldson.

ERWIN JACKINS

REID BROWN

IRVIN SQUIRES

JACK McKAY

ROBERT WILKES

CLINTON CAUDILL

MORRIS LEE

DONALDSON

Everybody is growing; they all look bigger, better, and raring to go. We are not saying much yet about the new material to be developed this year, except that it is going to be good.

THE MENU FOR THIS YEAR

The football schedule is as follows

Saturday, September 17th, 4:00 P. M., at Winston-Salem vs. Winston-Salem High.

Friday, September 23rd, 4 P. M., at Charlotte, vs. Charlotte High.

Friday, September 30th, 4 P. M., at Barium vs. Davidson High.

Wednesday, October 5th, 4 P. M., at Concord vs. Concord High.

Friday, October 14th, 3:30 P. M., at Barium vs. Statesville High.

Friday, October 21st, 3:30 P. M., at Barium vs. Lincolnton High.

Friday, October 28th, 3:30 P. M., at Barium vs. China Grove Farm Life.

Friday, November 4th, 3:00 P. M., at Harmony vs. Harmony Farm Life School.

Friday, November 11th, 3:00 P. M., at Barium vs. Winston Methodist Orphans.

Saturday, November 19th, 3:00 P. M., at Thomasville vs. Thomasville Baptist Orphans.

Thursday, November 24th, 10:00 A. M., at Barium vs. Belmont Abbey College.

Saturday, December 3rd, 2:30 P. M., at Barium vs. Raleigh Methodist Orphans.

This Is What We Did In 1926

Winston-Salem 25, Barium 0.
Gastonia 6, Barium 0.
Mooresville 6, Barium 21.
Statesville 7, Barium 9.
Davidson High 0, Barium 20.
Lincolnton 6, Barium 0.
China Grove 6, Barium 38.
Harmony 0, Barium 21.
Winston-Salem Methodists 7, Barium 33.
Thomasville Baptists 0, Barium 20.
Belmont Abbey 13, Barium 0.
Raleigh Methodists 14, Barium 6.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

As if a magic wand had been whirled by the Gods of fortune, the section of Eastern North Carolina abounding the coast is a vast growth of truck and farm products. Everywhere a bumper crop of corn, cotton, tobacco, and sweet potatoes, as a general crop.

Covering a swing of one thousand miles through the section of New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Pamlico, and thence back "Main Street of the State, it was the writer's privilege to see and note what a season has been had through this section. And two thirds of the present crops are section plantings.

Kinston farmers are boastful of the best quality of tobacco ever grown in that section, and with the volume they grow it is evident that good times are at hand—provided it takes good crops to bring home the bacon.

However, we can see a sad mistake in remote sections of the State, where so much waste land stands idle. Perhaps a tract of timber uncut, full of tropical vegetation, or rather swamp land. This, once cleared, produces a bumper corn crop, as was evinced on the McDonald Farm at Red Springs this year.

Some of this land, upon investigation, is worth $300 an acre, while an adjoining tract, which may be an entirely different soil, can be had for $10 an acre. (But I wouldn't have it for that.) In general, the type of soil makes a fair average and the grand old State is a land of contented farmers for 1927.

Our itinery comprised highways 26 20, 30, 302, 304, and No. 10, back to starting point.

(By the Dairyman & Printer.)

FRIENDSHIP

If there can a balm on earth be found
To heal a trouble soul,
If aught will cheer, tro' all around
The weaves of trouble roll;
If there's anything beneath the skies,
That vies with things above,
'Tis friendship, whose blessed charms arise
From pure, unselfish love.
We may have power, we may have health,
And fame our ways attend,
But we're poor, indeed, tho' we may gain wealth,
And yet have not a friend.
Though all our earthly comforts fly,
Though we've sorrows without end,
We're rich, indeed, and need not sigh,
If we still retain one friend.

—Mrs. Maud Langford.

OUR SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

Of course nearly everybody gets away from Barium for a time during the summer. Those of us who do not go, get a good deal of pleasure out of the coming and going, too.

Then there is always a lot of new hildren to get acquainted with. Then we nearly always have lots of fruit and melons to tear into and help pass away the time. This year our peaches just didn't happen, but we had lots of peaches in spite of that. Twice we went down to the Sand hills, and both times the messengers came back with a truck load of peaches, and we did certainly eat.

Mr. Cochran, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Wilson, all of West End, N. C., looked after us and made most of the donations. A truck load is about fifty bushels, and each load lasted about six days.

Then our movies—we have had each week a dandy program furnished by members of the Charlotte Film Board of Trade. "Deeds of Daring," "Don't Monkey," "The Yankee Consul," "Skinner's Dress Suit," "The Beloved Brute," "Lonely Mary," "Shore Leave' "Virginian," and just lots of good comedies.

We have had these shows in our new school building and have enjoyed them all.

In spite of the fact that most of the larger boys have been away, after supper tennis has been worked up to a white heat some days. Some of the youngsters will make some grown-up play mighty hard. Then right in the hottest part of the summer comes the Montreat trip, and we are writing this just two days before that momentous event. The number that go on this trip increase each year and we are expecting the very largest crowd of all this time.

The September number of the Messenger will have about the different accounts of this trip. We won't take up any more space in this about it.

School is just around the corner.

——P. O. H.——

ENLIGHTENED

A Sunday-school teacher had been enlightening her class upon what constituted wickedness, and at the close of the lesson she addressed one of the scholars: "Rosie, do you know what wickedness is?"

"Yes, teacher," replied Rosie, but I didn't until I came to Sunday-school!"